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1. The underground oil storage depot at Derben (Y93), built by the Germans in 1937 covers an area of fifteen square kilometers and is reputed to be protected by concrete four meters thick. Despite heavy air attacks during the war, very few bombs penetrated to the tanks.
2. The depot consists of several hundred tanks which are fifteen meters deep, rectangular in shape and situated in groups of three. Part of the depot is situated under the newer buildings of the village itself.
3. In spring 1946 the Soviets started dismantling the pumps, pipes, and other installations and intended to remove the tanks themselves. The work has, however, apparently been suspended and part of the depot remains intact. All tanks have been emptied.
4. Approximately thirty or forty groups of tanks are still capable of storing aviation fuel and have their pumps, pipes, and miscellaneous equipment in order.
5. There are 80 - 150 infantrymen at the garrison of Derben.

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